# Item 11B ERP Monitoring and Evaluation PSP Final Recommendations

**Action Item** 

**California Bay Delta Authority** 

**August 11, 2005** 

#### **Briefing Purpose**

- Provide background on ERP Monitoring and Evaluation PSP
- Make a recommendation to DFG regarding projects proposed for funding



Ecosystem Restoration Program

Monitoring and Evaluation Proposal Solicitation Package
September 2004



Final Selection Panel Recommendations and all of the independent reviews can be found at:

http://calwater.ca.gov/ Solicitation/ERP\_Soli citation.shtml

#### **Funding Source**

State Proposition 50, California
 Department of Fish and Game

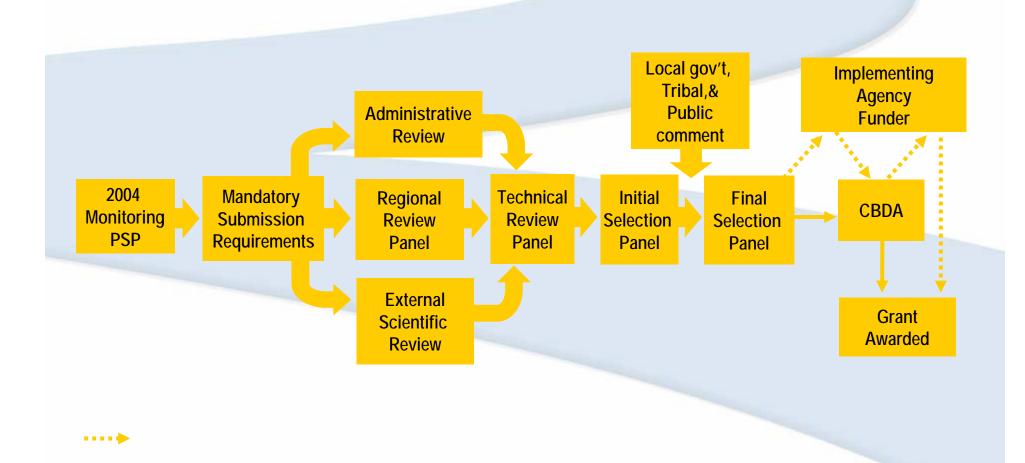
### Monitoring and Evaluation PSP Priorities

- Monitoring and evaluation of the outcome of restoration actions, or groups of restoration actions, previously funded through ERP solicitation processes or by directed actions
- Focus on watersheds with significant investment of ERP funds
- Focus on key species (Delta smelt, salmon, steelhead, other "Big R" species in the Multi-Species Conservation Strategy)

#### **Proposals Submitted**

- 49 proposals submitted
- 41 proposals considered
- \$46.3 million total requested (target for the solicitation was approximately \$20 million)
- Proposals ranged from \$90,000 to \$5.1 million

#### Review Process



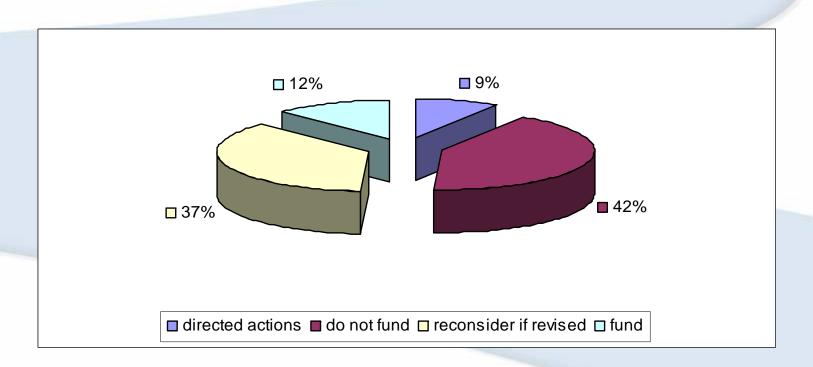
#### Summary of Proposed DFG Decision

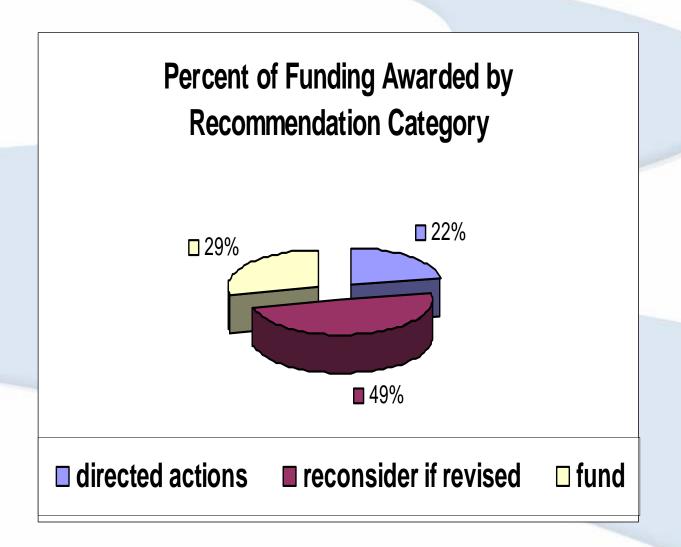
- Fund 4 proposals immediately
- Revise and Reconsider 6 proposals
- Fund 4 additional proposals as directed actions that are better described as baseline fish and water monitoring, and are not responsive to the Monitoring and Evaluation PSP

#### Difference between Final Selection Panel Recommendation and Proposed Decision by DFG

 Proposal to monitor Sandhill Cranes was recommended by the ERP Selection Panel for funding, but DFG – given the focus on the pelagic organism decline – did not propose to fund this proposal at this time

## Summary of DFG Proposed Funding Decision by Percentage





#### ERP Staff Recommendation

- Recommend that the Authority adopt the proposed resolution supporting DFG move forward with their proposed funding decision
- Recommend that DFG continue coordination with CBDA ERP staff on proposals recommended as reconsider if revised, particular the proposal related to Delta smelt (also being coordinated with IEP)